

tenant protections or making any effort to preserve affordable housing. Last year we made significant reforms to the multifamily property disposition program with an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote of 413 to 9. The reforms balanced the need to preserve affordable rental housing, protect low-income tenants from displacement and outlandish rent increases, accelerate the property disposition process and save the Federal Government as much as \$475 million. Nothing has changed since then. The committee's contribution to reconciliation saves more than enough money without including the virtual repeal of the Multifamily Property Disposition Reform Act and without harming low-income families who will surely be displaced with no assistance and no place to go.

Finally, the bill requires section 502 single family rural housing borrowers to repay Federal subsidies at the time a home is refinanced. While I concur with the requirement that borrowers repay Federal assistance at the time of sale, I believe that the provision in the committee recommendations provides the best evidence yet that we are engaging in policy by the numbers. Simply to raise \$39 million from low-income families, this bill would discourage families from graduating from a federal loan program. A low-income family which has scrimped and saved to purchase a home in our rural communities may be forced to pay not only the principal and interest on a refinanced first mortgage, but would have to pay at least interest on the interest credit subsidy that would now be recaptured upon refinancing.

Like so much else about this bill, much of what is in the banking title makes no sense and is indefensible from any reasonable point of view.

Thanks to Cecil G. Christian, Jr., for
Your 42 Years of Service

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 1995

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Cecil G. Christian, Jr., Assistant Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service [INS] Office of Records. Mr. Christian retired from the INS after 15 years overseeing and managing the INS' records activities. He left his position as the Records Officer on September 29, 1995. In 1990, he received the Commissioner's Award for Promoting Equal Employment Opportunity.

Before joining the INS, Cecil Christian was employed at the National Archives and Records Administration. There, he worked in the Office of Records as Management Analyst and Branch Analyst.

Prior to his time at the National Archives and Records Administration, Mr. Christian served his country with distinction for 20 years as an Army aviator, staff officer and commander. He served in Europe, the Middle East, and Vietnam earning the Legion of Merit, Bronze star, Air Medals, Meritorious Service Medal and Army Commendation Medal.

Cecil G. Christian, Jr. has given 42 years of honorable service to our country. It is with pride and pleasure that I commend him for the good work he performed and his sustained commitment.

BEST OF LUCK TO BOB
SCHUFREIDER

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 1995

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding newsman in my district. Bob Schufreider, news director for WCCM-AM in Lawrence, MA, is leaving the station after 8½ years of dedicated service to the listeners of the Merrimack Valley and southern New Hampshire. His talents will surely be missed.

Bob came to the station from Chicago in 1987. He worked his way up from a part-time on-air personality, to covering fires, storms, and city council meetings full-time. He has hosted numerous public affairs shows, sharing important information on topics of interest to his listeners. In addition, he has broadcast countless high school football and basketball games in communities throughout my district. He will be remembered by his listeners for his smooth play-by-play and uncanny command of statistics and sports trivia.

His is a special craft, Mr. Speaker. In this era of media mergers and superstitions, what Bob, and others like him in small and medium-size markets do, is vitally important to stitching together the fabric of a diverse community. It takes a sharp eye, and a good ear, to stay rooted and connected to the community one serves. Bob has demonstrated those abilities time and time again.

He does not depart greater Lawrence with only the memories of persons interviewed and stories filed. He leaves with his wife, Kathleen McEvoy, a native of North Andover, MA, and their daughter Hannah.

On behalf of the many listeners of WCCM-AM, I wish Bob, Kathleen, and Hannah well in their new endeavors, and look forward to their return visits to his many fans in the greater Lawrence area.

TRIBUTE TO JULIA C. HESTER
HOUSE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 1995

Ms. JACKSON-LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the outstanding community service rendered by the Julia C. Hester House in my hometown of Houston, TX.

Hester House, a multiservice agency, was chartered by the State of Texas as a nonprofit corporation in June 1943. It was named for Julia C. Hester, a distinguished public servant, who lived and worked in Houston's fifth ward during the early decades of this century. Ms. Hester, a teacher by profession, welcomed neighborhood children into her home and provided a safe location for organized social activities for children of the Houston community. She was also the State leader of a fraternal organization known as Heroines of Jericho.

Unfortunately, Ms. Hester did not live to see her deeds for young people of Houston gain the wide recognition that they deserved and eventually received. In 1943, when the Houston Community Chest, now the United Way,

supported the first community center in an African American neighborhood, the fifth ward was chosen, in part, due to the contributions of Ms. Hester.

Today, I am extremely pleased to state that Hester House faithfully carries on the work of its namesake. It has a board of directors composed of 24 members and is affiliated with the United Way of Texas Gulf Coast. On an annual basis, Hester House serves over 10,000 participants, many of which have no other place to turn for assistance.

I salute Hester House for fulfilling their mission, which is "to provide social services that enhance the quality of life for the residents of the fifth ward and surrounding communities."

In a period in which so many families are in transition, I especially commend Hester House for providing services that are extremely vital to families. Hester House offers child care services, before and after school programs for older children, and a 10 week summer day camp.

One outstanding program, the Hester House's kid's way enrichment program, provides guest speakers, educational tours and trips and self-esteem training.

Their successful program for teens provides social and career development, tutorial services, athletics, recreation, alcohol and drug abuse prevention, juvenile delinquency and teenage pregnancy prevention programs during those most influential and impressionable teenage years.

The agency's reach has extended significantly beyond just offering services for children. For seniors, they offer health screening activities, nutritional meals, community service projects, exercise classes, and several other activities.

Hester House also provides emergency food and clothing distribution, student internship placement, volunteer opportunities and emergency rental assistance.

I congratulate the board of directors, the advisory board, and the staff of Julia Hester House for their outstanding and dedicated service to the House community and wish them continued success.

TRIBUTE TO JESUS "CHUEY"
GARCIA

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 1995

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to honor a community leader who passed away this week—Jesus "Chuey" Garcia.

Chuey's life was woven together by his efforts to improve the lives of those around him, especially in the San Diego community of Barrio Logan.

The center of this activity was his Chuey's Numero Uno Restaurant, which became a focal point for friends and family and a site for charitable fundraisers and community meetings. Chuey often offered his restaurant to local community groups, and every Christmas would prepare in his kitchen a holiday meal for orphans in Tijuana.

Chuey Garcia first came to the United States in 1927 from his home in Central Mexico—and he never let circumstances stop him